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for the Year 1972

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CROMPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the health of the district for 1972, which I hope will be, as in the past a useful source of reference. The details of the year's activities are described in the first part of the report followed by tabulated details.

The urban district continues to develop, the mid 1972 estimated population being 17,500 compared with the 1971 census figure of 17,005, though the figures indicate a slower rate of growth than in the last few years.

There were 321 births during the year, 8 more than in 1971 giving an adjusted birth rate of 16.1 compared with the National figure of 14.8. There were 3 infant deaths under one year giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 9 to compare with the National Rate of 17. The statistics of the Urban Districts do tend to fluctuate annually and, for a true picture of the area, need to be looked at over several years.

A total of 201 deaths was registered during 1972, an increase of 6 over the 1971 figure, giving an adjusted death rate of 13.8 compared with the National Rate of 12.1.

There were 225 cases of Infectious Disease notified in 1972, an increase of 63 over 1971. Out of the 225 notifications, 216 were cases of measles. Despite the availability of measles immunisation, parents still appear reluctant to accept this protection for their children, and measles therefore still remains one of the main causes of morbidity among young children. Routine immunisation is also available against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and poliomyelitis either through the General Practitioner or at the Local Health Clinic. Immunisation against rubella (German Measles) is also available for girls, ages 11 to 13. Routine vaccination of infants against smallpox is no longer the policy of the Department of Health, "At Risk" groups only being offered this vaccination.

During the year the Local Government Act was published and Crompton was to become one of the districts incorporated into the 12(g) Authority of Greater Manchester. It became clear, through the Steering Committee, that the new authority intended to establish a Department of Environmental Health incorporating the Public Health Inspectorate. The personal health services of the present local authorities are to become part of the reorganised National Health Service, the office of Medical Officer of Health is to disappear, and any necessary medical support or advice for the new local authority would be made through the medical staff of the Area Medical Officer.

In conclusion I must thank the Chairman, Members of the Health Committee and the Clerk of the Council. I would also like to thank the Senior Public Health Inspector and staff of the Health Department for their continued assistance and support, including the preparation of this report, which will probably be the last for the Urban District of Crompton in its present form.

Yours sincerely,

GILBERT R. BRACKENRIDGE

Medical Officer of Health

Public Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
SHAW.

July, 1973.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

|                                                |          |
|------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Area (Acres).....                              | 2,865    |
| Population - (a) Census 1971.....              | 17,005   |
| (b) Registrar-General's (Mid-year 1972)....    | 17,500   |
| Number of inhabited houses at end of 1972..... | 6,604    |
| Rateable Value.....                            | £578,028 |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate.....           | £5,178   |

## PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT

The Urban District of Crompton covers some 2,865 acres located on the western slopes of the Pennines on the fringe of the South Lancashire Industrial Area, varying between 550 to 1,300 feet above sea level. It is bounded on the north by the Urban District of Milnrow, on the south and west by the Urban District of Royton, on the south by the County Borough of Oldham and on the east by the Urban District of Saddleworth in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

Much of the outlying area is comprised of agricultural and moor land. In spite of some contraction, textiles remains the chief industry. Other industries include electric lamp manufacture and light engineering.

The district is divided into four wards, North, South, East and West.

The sub-soil is chiefly clay and shale, with sand and rock in places overlying the coal measures.

The district is well served by transport facilities - rail and bus services.

# VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births (Total)..... 321

|                   | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Legitimate.....   | 148          | 154            |
| Illegitimate..... | 12           | 7              |

Live Birth Rate per 1000 population:-

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Crude Rate.....            | 18.3 |
| Adjusted Rate.....         | 16.1 |
| (Comparability Factor .88) |      |

|                                                             |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births..... | 6.0 |
| Stillbirths.....                                            | 3   |
| Stillbirth rate per 1000 live and stillbirths.....          | 9.0 |
| Total Live and Stillbirths.....                             | 324 |

Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)..... 3

|                   | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Legitimate.....   | -            | 3              |
| Illegitimate..... | -            | -              |

Infant Mortality Rates

|                                                                                                                 |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Total infant deaths per 1000 total live births.....                                                             | 9.0  |
| Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births.....                                                   | 10.0 |
| Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births...                                                 | 0.0  |
| Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 total live births).....                                 | 6.0  |
| Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 total live births).....                            | 6.0  |
| Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and stillbirths).... | 15.0 |
| Maternal Mortality (including abortion).....                                                                    | Nil  |
| Maternal Mortality rate per 1000 live and stillbirths.....                                                      | 0.0  |
| Total deaths (all ages).....                                                                                    | 201  |

Death rate per 1000 population:-

|                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Crude Rate.....             | 11.5 |
| Adjusted Rate.....          | 13.8 |
| (Comparability Factor 1.20) |      |

Principal Causes of Death:-

|                                        |    |
|----------------------------------------|----|
| Diseases of Heart and Circulation..... | 68 |
| Cerebrovascular Disease.....           | 24 |
| Cancer (all sites).....                | 35 |

1971 CENSUS

|                                                 |                                      | CROMPTON |      |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|------|
| Total Population<br>(Both sexes)                |                                      | 17,005   | %    |
| Child<br>popln.                                 | All<br>pre-school<br>(0-4 incl.)     | 1,805    | 10.5 |
|                                                 | All<br>school<br>(5-14 incl.)        | 2,580    | 15   |
|                                                 | Total<br>children<br>under 15        | 4,385    | 25.5 |
| Total Males<br>15-64<br>("Male Working Popln.") |                                      | 5,330    | 31.5 |
| Females                                         | 15-44<br>"Reproductive<br>population | 3,420    | 20   |
|                                                 | 45-60                                | 1,515    | 9    |
| Elderly<br>Persons                              | Females<br>60 & over                 | 1,660    | 10   |
|                                                 | Males<br>65 & over                   | 690      | 4    |
|                                                 | Total<br>"Pensionable"               | 2,350    | 14   |

Note: Numerical totals correct to nearest 5  
% expressed to nearest 0.5%

## COMMENT ON VITAL STATISTICS

Table 1 shows the principal annual statistics for the years 1972, 1971, 1967 and 1962.

The number of deaths in 1972 was 201 (as compared with 195 in 1971), giving an adjusted death rate of 13.8 (13.1) to compare with the national figure of 12.1 (11.6). As in recent years the principal causes of death were degenerative diseases of the cardiac and nervous system, cancer and also diseases of the coronary circulation. In general this reflects an ageing population and the decreased importance of infectious diseases as a cause of death.

Tables 2 and 3 show deaths by cause and age respectively.

Three infants died in the first year of life and Table 4 details causes of infant deaths during the year. The main loss of infant life was through prematurity; at present it is difficult to see how this can be avoided. All pregnant women should be encouraged to attend for Ante-Natal care as early as possible in their pregnancy.

Comparability Factor. This figure is supplied by the Registrar General, and is used to adjust the local crude birth and death rates so that they can be compared with the birth and death rate for England and Wales as a whole.

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

List of diseases notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health -

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Anthrax               | Paratyphoid Fever     |
| Cholera               | Plague                |
| Diphtheria            | Poliomyelitis (acute) |
| Dysentery             | Relapsing Fever       |
| Encephalitis (acute)  | Scarlet Fever         |
| Food Poisoning        | Smallpox              |
| Infective Jaundice    | Tetanus               |
| Leprosy               | Tuberculosis          |
| Leptospirosis         | Typhoid Fever         |
| Malaria               | Typhus                |
| Measles               | Whooping Cough        |
| Meningitis (acute)    | Yellow Fever          |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum |                       |

There was an increase in the number of cases of infectious disease notified, 225 cases compared with 162 cases in 1971. Table 5 sets out the age distribution of persons notified as suffering from infectious diseases, and Table 6 compares the incidence of infectious disease in 1972 with previous years.

### Measles.

There were 216 cases of measles in 1972 as against 134 in 1971. Measles vaccination is now available locally, and parents are now more ready to accept the vaccine.

### Dysentery and Food Poisoning.

There were no cases of dysentery and one case of food poisoning officially notified. A total of 86 faecal specimens was submitted to the Public Health Laboratory.

### Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis.

As in recent years no cases of diphtheria or poliomyelitis were notified in the area during 1972. Parents are advised to take advantage of the immunisation which is available to protect against these diseases.

### Whooping Cough.

There were no cases of whooping cough notified in 1972 as against 2 in 1971.

### Scarlet Fever.

There were 4 cases of scarlet fever in 1972 as against 6 in 1971, again with adequate treatment the disease is usually mild.

### Infective Jaundice.

There were 2 cases in 1972 as against 17 in 1971. Infective Jaundice has now been notifiable for three years but it is still not possible to determine the extent of morbidity due to this disease, though it does appear only to be sporadic.

### Tuberculosis.

Two new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified in 1972. At the end of 1972 there were 15 persons on the Tuberculosis Register, 11 pulmonary and 4 non-pulmonary.

In general nowadays most cases are notified early and can be satisfactorily treated. The M.M.R. unit is available for X-ray purposes and appointments can be made through General Practitioners.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS OF PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES AND ALLIED SERVICES.

### HOSPITAL AND ALLIED CLINIC FACILITIES.

Oldham Royal Infirmary and Oldham & District General Hospital provide general hospital services for residents of the district. Cases of Infectious Disease are normally admitted to Monsall Hospital, Manchester. Certain categories of patients are admitted direct to other specialist units in the Manchester area.

The treatment centres for venereal diseases are:-

|                                                        |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Oldham & District General Hospital.....                | 061-624-0420 |
| The District Infirmary, Ashton.....                    | 061-330-1611 |
| The Sparthfield Clinic, Manchester Road, Rochdale..... | 9-48333      |

The Tuberculosis Chest Clinic at Oldham & District General Hospital provides facilities for examination and follow up of patients referred by General Practitioners.

Laboratory facilities are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Withington Hospital, West Didsbury, Manchester 20.

The Local Health Authority and Allied Services are administered by the Lancashire County Council. For the purpose of Local Health Authority Services, Crompton at present forms part of Health Division 14. The Medical Officer of Health for Crompton is also Divisional Medical Officer and the address of the Divisional Office is "Tylon", Middleton Road West, Chadderton. (Tel. No. 061-624-6251/2). There is at present a temporary School Clinic, based at the Congregational Church, Rochdale Road, certain staff being based there. (Tel. No. SHAW 47114). The original Clinic in High Street has been demolished and a new Health Centre is being built on this site, the work having commenced in September. This Health Centre is to be used both for Local Authority Health Services and General Practitioner Services, the completion date being autumn of 1973.

### MATERNITY SERVICE.

Three midwives are employed to serve this district. Their addresses are as follows:-

|                     |                                 |              |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Mrs. J. Harris,     | 'Townhill', Chamber Road, Shaw. | (SHAW 47802) |
| Mrs. M.A. Williams, | 75, Surrey Avenue, Shaw.        | (SHAW 46284) |
| Mrs. E. Bridges,    | 30, Jordan Avenue, Shaw.        | (SHAW 45406) |

### Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics.

Ante-natal and Post-natal clinics are held at The Clinic, Shaw, every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Tel. No. SHAW 47114)

## INFANT WELFARE SERVICES.

Three Health Visitors, Mrs. H.I. Smith, Mrs. D. Hardwick and Mrs. C. Hilton are responsible for the Crompton district and can be contacted at the Clinic.

Two child health sessions are held weekly on Tuesday and Friday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at The Clinic, and one weekly session is held on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at St. Andrew's Church, High Crompton. Children are referred from these clinics to the Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic and Dental clinics as required.

Welfare foods such as National Dried Milk, Vitamin Supplements are available at the Child Health Sessions.

## HOME NURSING.

The District Nursing Service is provided by Health Division 14 and the Nurses covering the Crompton area are now based on the "nursing team" idea, their areas based on the general practitioners practices rather than district areas. The Nurses mainly covering Crompton are:-

|                  |                              |                |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Mrs. F. Affleck, | 21, Kirkstone Drive, Royton. | (061-633-4599) |
| Mrs. N. Flynn,   | 3, Trent Road, Shaw.         | (SHAW 47268)   |
| Mrs. B. Moran,   | 29, Turfland Avenue, Royton. | (061-633-4570) |
| Miss S. Todd,    | 43, Albert Street, Royton.   | (061-624-2896) |

## AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Two ambulances and two dual-purpose vehicles are based on the Ambulance Station at Moor Street. This station is manned on a 24 hour basis. The Ambulance Service is under radio-control from a Control Centre at Whitefield. (Tel. No. 061-766-6666).

The following services are now administered by the County Social Services Committee and locally by the Divisional Director of Social Services, who can be contacted at Prospect House, Main Road, Oldham.

- 1) Day Nursery Service.
- 2) Registration of Child Minders and Playgroups.
- 3) Home Help Service.
- 4) Mental Health Service.
- 5) Domiciliary support and residential accommodation for the Elderly and Physically Handicapped under the National Assistance Act, the Chronic Sick and Disabled Persons Act and related legislation.
- 6) Convalescent care.
- 7) Childrens Act Services.

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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report on the sanitary circumstances of the district and the work of the Public Health Department for 1972. This is the tenth occasion on which I have had the honour to present the report and it is probably the last in this form as there will be insufficient time between January and March, 1974, to prepare a detailed report such as this for the current year.

In November, 1972, Mr. A. Taylor, the Pupil Public Health Inspector was successful in obtaining the Diploma of the Public Health Inspectors Education Board and he was appointed as a Public Health Inspector with this Authority from 1st January, 1973. At the end of the year, Mrs. S.M. Banks resigned her appointment as Clerk in the department and her replacement Miss A. Butterworth took up her duties in January, 1973. Mr. R.E. Whittle, the Deputy Senior Public Health Inspector was absent due to illness for a spell of three months, a fact which is reflected in this report in that under certain headings, the number of visits is less than in previous years.

Local Government Re-form was probably the main theme of 1972. Regular meetings of panels of officers took place throughout the year and in all, I attended over forty such meetings. In addition, a considerable amount of time, much of it outside normal working hours, was spent in gathering and collating information for the panels of which I was a member and also for other panels requiring information from time to time. Nevertheless, every effort was made to keep the normal work of the department as up to date as possible.

The problems of refuse collection were again very much in evidence during the year. As difficulty after difficulty arose in trying to devise and implement a satisfactory work study scheme, it is probably fair comment that the Committee did not know what to do for the best; equally officers found themselves in a dilemma when called upon to advise though had it not been for the prospect of local government re-organisation, it is likely that a more positive line would have been taken. So far as the men themselves were concerned, work study was a subject to be locked in a cupboard until it went away or was forgotten but the fact that it remained in the pending tray produced a generally unsettled atmosphere around the service.

A further Smoke Control Order was made but once again, this was not straightforward. One can appreciate the wisdom of the Department of the Environment's policy with regard to operation dates for smoke control areas and similarly, the need for a completion date for schemes financed by means of loan, yet tight control of finance is of vital importance to a local authority just as clean air is a vital public health subject and it seems a pity that there

cannot be a little more flexibility to allow the two procedures to run together.

Not very much progress was made during the year in the field of unfit housing because of the difficulty of re-housing displaced tenants, a situation created by the implementation of an improvement programme for pre-war Council houses. Unfortunately, the clearance programme fell somewhat behind schedule, but the Council could not be faulted for grasping the opportunity to undertake the improvements and I am sure experience will prove it was the right decision not to carry out the works with the tenants still in occupation.

In all my previous Annual Reports, I have taken the opportunity to offer my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their support, to the Medical Officer of Health, Chief Officers, Heads of other Departments and their staffs for their assistance and co-operation and the staff of my own department for their help and support. I have done this not because it seemed to be a good idea at the time or because it was the recognised or decent thing to do. Over the years I have enjoyed the support and co-operation without which one cannot hope to operate a department smoothly or effectively and my thanks have been sincere. 1972 was no exception and once again I express my appreciation to all concerned.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours sincerely,

A. RENSHAW

Senior Public Health Inspector

Public Health Department,  
Town Hall,  
SHAW.

July, 1973.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

### (A) SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### 1) WATER SUPPLY.

Public Supply. The West Pennine Water Board is the responsible authority for the provision of the water supply for the great majority of premises in the district.

During the year, the weather pattern returned to what is normally expected in this part of the country and the Water Board's problems of 1971 were not repeated. Only a very small number of complaints of discolouration of the water supply were received and these were referred to the Board for attention.

Regular bacteriological and chemical examination of the raw water and the water going into supply is carried out by the water undertakers. Reports were received from the Water Board's Chief Chemist and Bacteriologist on samples taken from the plants serving the Crompton area and also on samples taken at various points within the district.

The Chief Chemist also co-operated with the department in two instances where families were suffering from enteric disorders and the doctor concerned suspected that the water supply may have been the cause. In each case, however, tests showed that the supply was not responsible.

Private Supply. Fifty-five houses and farms depend on private supplies from wells and springs. The properties are in the outlying parts of the district where extensions to the public main is impracticable and uneconomic. Fifteen samples of water from private supplies were taken by the Department and submitted for bacteriological examination. Eleven samples were reported as satisfactory and four were unsatisfactory. These four samples were from separate sources and the results of follow-up samples indicated the original contamination to be of a temporary nature only.

#### 2) SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Except for outlying areas where it is impracticable to lay main sewers, the whole of the district is satisfactorily sewered. Sewage is treated at the Newhey and Low Crompton Works.

The Newhey works remained somewhat overloaded throughout the year and it was difficult to maintain a final effluent of a standard within the River Authority's criteria. With regard to the plan to link the Low Crompton Works with the Royton Urban District Council's Works, some progress was made during the year in that discussions took place and proposals for the link-up were formulated.

All the new development which took place in the district was connected to the Council's sewerage system.

#### 3) RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The Mersey and Weaver River Authority is the controlling authority for the rivers and streams in the district.

The low-lying areas adjacent to the River Beal, particularly at Mosshey, were again affected by flooding from time to time. Some work was carried out on the lower reaches of the river in Milnrow but Crompton Council continued to press for an early start on the River Authority's scheme to improve the full length of the Beal to cater for a 1 in 10 year storm.

#### 4) PUBLIC CLEANSING.

(a) Refuse Collection. During the previous two years and again in 1972, the refuse collection service tended, at times, to stagger along rather than run smoothly and for the greater part of the year under report, there was a continuation of the unsettled atmosphere.

Trouble arose very early on following the trials in late 1971 of the Work Studied Scheme. A further trial was arranged but this was operated only half-heartedly. Meetings took place with the men and representatives of their Trade Unions but the men rejected the scheme on the basis that it was impossible to complete the rounds as laid down, week after week. Suggestions then came from the men themselves as to how the scheme might be amended but their proposals were completely impracticable and no attempt could be made to adopt them. At this stage, the Council carefully reconsidered the whole position. A number of possible solutions were examined but finally after several months it was decided that the Work Studied Scheme should be introduced and operated at Standard Performance. However, before this decision could be implemented, the terms of the Government's Prices and Incomes Standstill became known and action of any kind had to be deferred.

In November and December, collections fell very much behind schedule when over a three weeks period, a total of eighty man/days was lost, very largely through sickness. The recruitment of satisfactory temporary labour proved to be extremely difficult and other problems also arose which only served to aggravate the whole situation. Complaints were numerous but most residents appreciated the position and were very tolerant though a small minority chose to treat the explanations as excuses and would not accept that on such occurrences, available labour has to be used to the best over-all advantage and individual requirements or requests cannot always be met promptly.

During the year, over one thousand requests were received for special collections for the removal of furniture and other bulky items of refuse. The number of these calls is steadily increasing each year and at certain periods they reached such proportions that it was impossible to cope with them without some delay. With the operation of this service, together with the facilities provided under the Civic Amenities Act for residents to deposit refuse, one would have hoped for a reduction in the number of instances of indiscriminate dumping but unfortunately, there is little evidence to suggest that this is, in fact, the case.

(b) Refuse Disposal. The disposal of household refuse again took place at the Oldham County Borough Tip until difficulties were encountered towards the end of the year. A new tipping site had been brought into use which necessitated a long approach via a former railway cutting. In November, conditions became so bad at the tip that there was a risk of serious damage to the vehicles and some journeys were taking up to ninety minutes. Disposal had to be transferred to Crompton's Twingates Tip for the remainder of the year and though this produced somewhat unsatisfactory conditions there, there was little alternative. It also

demonstrated the wisdom of having retained some tipping space of our own to cater for emergencies.

Twingates Tip was used throughout the year for the disposal of industrial, commercial and trade refuse and for Civic Amenities Act purposes. The provision of containers, hired from a local Waste Services firm positioned near the tip entrance again helped to cut down any nuisance to near-by residents and also assisted those people who could not be expected to take cars or light vans on to the tip itself in order to deposit refuse. The main nuisance to nearby residents was from smoke from fires on the tip which came at all too frequent intervals. As a rule, the culprits were young people who seemed to take great delight in this kind of sport but presumably, did not realise the dangerous conditions which could have resulted or the cost involved in the hiring of plant to dig-out the affected parts.

During the year, the authority continued to participate in the Working Party set up to investigate the possibility of the establishment of regional refuse disposal to serve Oldham and district. The report of the Technical Sub-Committee was presented to the constituent authorities early in the year. All the authorities agreed to participate in the proposed incinerator scheme and the consultants were requested to prepare a feasibility report. It became known that a number of residents, particularly from a part of Royton, had organised a petition against the proposed siting of the incinerator and representatives were invited to a meeting in an attempt to dispel some of their fears. The major point of objection was that the incinerator would greatly add to the amount of atmospheric pollution in the area and the downdraught from Oldham Edge would produce an adverse effect on ground level concentrations of pollution in the valley below the site. The consultants were asked to arrange for a series of tests to be made to help confirm or refute this theory and whilst the conclusions were that there was no real substance in the theory, there was a recommendation to increase the height of the chimney by 50 feet. By the end of the year, the feasibility report was prepared to be presented to the Committee of members for each authority early in 1973. However, approval to the planning application was still awaited and it appeared almost certain that a public inquiry would take place before a decision was arrived at.

(c) Refuse Storage. Under the Council's dustbin replacement scheme, 406 bins were supplied. In addition, 173 bins were sold for use at new property or as additional dustbins at existing properties.

The  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cu. ft. capacity plastic bins were again extremely popular both with the collectors and residents and of the total number of bins issued and sold 64% were of this type.

The sack system of refuse storage and collection operated at the Beal Hey Estate, the Smallbrook Estate and at a number of other premises in the district where access is difficult or carries particularly long. Approximately 226 premises in all were involved.

## 5) OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There were no offensive trades carried on or registered in the district.

## 6) RAG FLOCK PREMISES.

There were no licensed manufacturers in the district but there was one registered upholsterer. Conditions at these premises were always found to be satisfactory.

## 7) SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

Two pail closets were converted to the fresh water system during the year leaving twenty-seven in the district serving fifty properties, all of which are in outlying parts.

## 8) ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.

(a) Industrial. There were no serious infringements of the Clean Air Acts by industrial concerns during the year. Where infringements did occur, they were due to temporary breakdown and it was pleasing to find in every case that mill managements were just as anxious as the public health inspectors to get matters rectified as quickly as possible.

(b) Domestic. Once again, an obstacle appeared in the path of progress with Smoke Control in the district. In Crompton, Smoke Control Areas have always been included in capital programmes to be financed by means of loan and now, under the latest system, approved schemes have to be completed by the end of the financial year concerned. However, it is the policy of the Department of the Environment to confirm Smoke Control Areas to come into operation between July and December only.

The Council had planned to make an Order covering 290 acres and 502 premises in the Cherry Hall, Fir Lane and Burnedge parts of the district and as an allocation for this purpose had been made by the Lancashire Allocations Committee, the Department of the Environment was asked whether in the circumstances, it was possible for the Order to come into operation on 1st April, 1973. Officers of the Department, however, indicated that the situation was not considered to be a good enough reason to warrant a deviation from previously declared policy and that there was very little chance of a suggested operation date before 1st July, 1973, being confirmed.

The Council went ahead to make the Order but in doing so had to be prepared to finance some conversions from the following year's rate fund estimate and, understandably, members were perturbed at having to make such a commitment nine months in advance.

(c) Smoke Nuisances. Forty-two visits were made during the year in respect of smoke nuisances from burning in the open air. Some of the visits were again to industrial premises where, although the firms had arrangements for the disposal of refuse in a proper manner, employees felt that a good burning session every now and again was a better way of getting rid of unwanted materials. The proprietor of one small commercial firm proved stubborn but the threat of legal action eventually made him change his ways. The quarries at Shore Edge became a popular place for individuals to burn off the insulation from cable in order to recover the metal and though these persons must have thought they were well out of sight, the smoke they produced usually gave them away. This became a rather difficult

problem to deal with. In spite of help from the police, on nearly every occasion, the culprits gave false names and addresses and number plates displayed on vehicles could not be taken as a reliable guide to ownership.

#### 9) RODENT CONTROL.

The details concerning infestations of rats and mice are given in Table 12. Of the total number of complaints received, over 65% were in respect of mice, again indicative of the size of the problem which Warfarin resistance in mice has produced. One can only hope that the spread of the resistance in rats can be held in check at least until a really satisfactory substitute for Warfarin can be found, otherwise a massive rodent control problem in the future seems almost inevitable. A private company was employed to carry out a sewer treatment during the year and three-hundred manholes on the sewer system were baited using fluoracetamide.

#### 10) DISINFESTATIONS.

During the year 35 houses were treated by the department's foreman for insect infestations. As in previous years, the main trouble was due to cockroaches. A particularly awkward problem arose in some centrally heated dwellings on one of the Council's estates where the heating ducts provided ideal and inaccessible breeding grounds for cockroaches. Regular treatments took place and though considerable success was achieved, isolated pockets proved extremely difficult to clear.

#### 11) DISINFECTION.

Advice on current disinfection was given on visiting cases of notified infectious diseases and free disinfectant was issued as required.

#### 12) SWIMMING BATHS.

The capacity of the plunge at the Public Baths in Farrow Street is 65,000 gallons, supplied from the mains supply. The method of treatment of the water is continuous chlorination, aeration and filtration and the turnover period is four hours.

Twenty samples of the water were submitted for bacteriological examination, seventeen of which were reported as satisfactory. With regard to the three unsatisfactory samples, in two instances there was no apparent reason for the adverse report and follow-up samples were taken all of which proved satisfactory. In the third instance, the unsatisfactory result could probably be attributed to a local contamination in the plunge. One further sample was submitted for chemical analysis and was reported as being generally satisfactory.

#### 13) FACTORIES.

The number of factories on the register at the end of the year was 75 and the number of inspections undertaken during the year was 46. Contraventions of the Factories Act with regard to sanitary conveniences were found at five premises and informal action was taken.

#### 14) OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES.

The total number of premises on the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act register at the end of the year was 77. Of these 30 received a general inspection. One accident was reported during the year. The prescribed investigation took place but no further action was necessary.

#### 15) NOISE ABATEMENT.

Six complaints of noise nuisances were investigated during the year. One nuisance was from an industrial premises and the company's technical director co-operated with the department in the taking of readings which not only confirmed that a nuisance existed but also pin-pointed the cause. The solution in this case proved to be a fairly easy task. In another instance, the fitting of a silencer to a fan at a commercial premises succeeded in reducing the noise level to acceptable limits but in the other cases action could not be taken by the local authority and the complainants were advised to consult a solicitor. Further investigations also took place in the case reported in the previous year where the occupier of a house next door to a launderette complained of a noise nuisance. The department's staff were never satisfied that the noise level constituted a nuisance. However, the owner of the launderette engaged a consultant who agreed with the views of the inspectors but at the same time advised on how the noise could be reduced still further thus ensuring that the owner could claim a defence of having taken "the best practicable means" if any private action had been instituted against him.

#### 16) ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS.

The two premises in the district licenced under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act were both operated satisfactorily during the year but at one of these premises it became apparent that fairly substantial works would be required before a recommendation could be made that the licence be renewed for the following year.

#### 17) COMPLAINTS, DEFECTS AND NUISANCES.

362 official complaints were made to the Department during 1972. All were investigated and action taken where appropriate. 206 defects and nuisances were discovered and 221 were remedied.

#### 18) LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

It was not necessary in any instance during the year to take legal proceedings under the provisions of the legislation covered by this section of the Report.

(B) HOUSING.

1) INSPECTION AND REPAIRS.

During the year, 434 dwellings were inspected formally or informally for housing defects and the number of visits made for the purpose was 549. Action was taken under the Public Health or Housing Acts in respect of 59 houses either to remedy defects or to render the houses fit for human habitation.

2) CLEARANCE OF UNFIT HOUSES.

There was very little activity in this field during the year. The Council embarked on an ambitious programme of improvements to the pre-war Council houses with the result that there was a substantial reduction in the number of dwellings available for the re-housing of families displaced by clearance action. Not only were houses empty for lengthy periods whilst the works were proceeding, but others were used as temporary accommodation for tenants whose houses were being improved. One Clearance Order only was made covering fifteen houses in Copley Street.

3) APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES.

The number of applicants on the Council's Housing list at the end of the year was 273. Of these, 162 were for one bedroom, 80 for two bedroom, 25 for three bedroom and 6 for four bedroom accommodation.

4) ERECTION OF NEW HOUSES.

Nine flats were completed by the Council in 1972 bringing the total of post war Council dwellings erected to 700. Work was in progress on a Special Aged Persons Scheme at Siddall Street comprising twenty dwellings and seven dwellings at Smallbrook Road and seven at High Street were also in course of erection. Proposals were in hand for six/eight aged persons dwellings at High Crompton and a further eleven at Hunger Hill.

Private development continued and during the year 96 houses were erected, bringing the total of privately built post-war dwellings to 2464.

5) STANDARD AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

The Engineer and Surveyor kindly provided the statistics given under this heading.

The Council received 152 applications for Standard Grants under the Housing Acts 1961, 1964 and 1969. All the applications received were for improvement to the full standard and 125 were approved. Work was completed in 56 cases. 83 applications were received for Improvement Grants under the Housing Act, 1969. 28 were approved and work was completed in 10 cases. Proposals were submitted to the Department of the Environment in respect of 72 Council houses and approval was received.

During the year the Council declared a General Improvement Area in the Oak Street part of the district covering 264 properties.

## (C) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### 1) FOOD HYGIENE.

The inspection of all types of food premises in the district was continued during the year. Once more, standards generally were good and where infringements of the Regulations were found, they were of a minor nature except in one instance when it was necessary to take legal proceedings against the proprietor of a mobile greengrocery/fish shop for ten contraventions of the Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966. The defendant was fine £10 in respect of each of the contraventions and ordered to pay £40 costs.

### 2) INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

(a) Meat Inspection. The one licensed slaughterhouse in the district operated satisfactorily during the year. Table 16 gives the statistics in relation to meat inspection. Compared with previous years, the number of cattle slaughtered remained approximately the same but there was a considerable increase in the number of sheep and lambs killed. The standard of the animals continued to be high. None was found to be affected by tuberculosis but one case of cysticercosis was found and the carcass was submitted to treatment by refrigeration.

(b) Inspection of Other Foods. The amount of other foods condemned during the year was 443 lbs. Just over half of this amount was made up of frozen foods and ice-cream which had to be condemned following breakdown of refrigerated cabinets in five shops.

### 3) MILK SUPPLY.

All the milk supplied in the district is designated and the main supervisory responsibility for the supply rests between the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Lancashire County Health Authority.

Notifications were received from the County Council that the herds of four farmers in the district had been registered under the Brucellosis (Accredited Herds) Scheme. Of the samples of milk taken during the year from Crompton producers or retailers operating in the district both by the officers of the Lancashire County Council and the Crompton Health Department, none was found to be positive on examination for Brucella organisms.

### 4) ICE-CREAM.

There was only one premises registered for manufacture and this was for soft ice-cream. Inspections were made of the premises registered for the sale of ice-cream and also of vehicles operating in the district.

### 5) FOOD AND DRUGS SAMPLING.

Crompton is not a Food and Drugs Authority, the responsibility for sampling for analysis being that of the Lancashire County Council. The County Medical Officer has kindly provided the details given in Table 18.

TABLE 1

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS

|                                         |                  | 1972        | 1971        | 1967        | 1962        |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Population                              |                  | 17,500      | 17,200      | 15,140      | 13,130      |
| Live Births                             | No.<br>Adj. Rate | 321<br>16.1 | 313<br>21.7 | 323<br>24.3 | 241<br>19.1 |
| Stillbirths                             | No.<br>Rate      | 3<br>9.0    | 3<br>9.0    | 1<br>3.0    | 4<br>16.3   |
| Total<br>(Live and Stillbirths)         | No.              | 324         | 316         | 324         | 245         |
| Illegitimate Births %<br>of Live Births | No.<br>Rate      | 19<br>6.0   | 13<br>4.0   | 19<br>5.9   | 10<br>4.1   |
| Total Infant Deaths                     | No.<br>Rate      | 3<br>9.0    | 6<br>19.0   | 5<br>15.0   | 3<br>12.4   |
| Neonatal Deaths                         | No.<br>Rate      | 2<br>6.0    | 5<br>16.0   | 3<br>9.0    | Nil<br>Nil  |
| Maternal Deaths                         | No.<br>Rate      | Nil<br>0.0  | Nil<br>0.0  | Nil<br>0.0  | Nil<br>0.0  |
| Total Deaths                            | No.<br>Adj. Rate | 201<br>13.8 | 195<br>13.1 | 196<br>13.9 | 183<br>15.0 |

TABLE 2  
CAUSES OF DEATH

| Causes                               | M  | F  | 1972<br>Total | 1971<br>Total | 1970<br>Total |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Other Forms Tuberculosis             | -  | -  | -             | -             | 1             |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach         | 2  | 3  | 5             | 3             | 7             |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus  | 6  | 2  | 8             | 1             | 11            |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Breast          | -  | 3  | 3             | 3             | 1             |
| Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus          | -  | -  | -             | -             | 1             |
| Leukaemia                            | -  | -  | -             | 2             | -             |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.      | 13 | 6  | 19            | 19            | 16            |
| Diabetes Mellitus                    | -  | 4  | 4             | 1             | 4             |
| Anaemias                             | -  | 1  | 1             | 3             | -             |
| Other Diseases of Blood              | -  | 1  | 1             | -             | 2             |
| Mental Disorders                     | -  | -  | -             | 1             | 1             |
| Meningitis                           | -  | 1  | 1             | -             | -             |
| Other Diseases of Nervous System     | 1  | 1  | 2             | -             | -             |
| Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease      | -  | 2  | 2             | 4             | 8             |
| Hypertensive Disease                 | -  | 3  | 3             | 2             | 5             |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease              | 20 | 25 | 45            | 39            | 44            |
| Other Forms of Heart Disease         | 5  | 8  | 13            | 9             | 7             |
| Cerebrovascular Disease              | 12 | 12 | 24            | 43            | 28            |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory System | 1  | 4  | 5             | 14            | 13            |
| Influenza                            | 1  | 4  | 5             | 1             | 4             |
| Pneumonia                            | 11 | 8  | 19            | 10            | 14            |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema             | 8  | 3  | 11            | 14            | 18            |
| Asthma                               | -  | -  | -             | -             | 1             |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System | -  | 3  | 3             | 2             | 4             |
| Peptic Ulcer                         | 4  | -  | 4             | 1             | 1             |
| Intestinal Obstruction/Hernia        | -  | -  | -             | -             | 2             |
| Cirrhosis of Liver                   | -  | 1  | 1             | 2             | -             |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis              | -  | -  | -             | 2             | -             |
| Other Diseases of Digestive System   | 2  | -  | 2             | 2             | 2             |

TABLE 2 CONT'D.

| Cases                                 | M  | F   | 1972<br>Total | 1971<br>Total | 1970<br>Total |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Hyperplasia of Prostate               | 3  | -   | 3             | -             | -             |
| Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System | -  | 2   | 2             | 1             | -             |
| Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System   | -  | 1   | 1             | 2             | 1             |
| Congenital Anomalies                  | -  | 1   | 1             | 3             | 1             |
| Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.  | -  | -   | -             | 1             | 2             |
| Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality   | -  | 1   | 1             | 2             | 3             |
| Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions   | 1  | 1   | 2             | 3             | 3             |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents               | 1  | 1   | 2             | 3             | 2             |
| All Other Accidents                   | 4  | 2   | 6             | 1             | 3             |
| Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries   | -  | 2   | 2             | 1             | 1             |
| Total ... ..                          | 95 | 106 | 201           | 195           | 211           |

TABLE 3

## DEATHS - BY AGE GROUPS

| YEARS        | 1972 |     |       | 1971  | 1970  |
|--------------|------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
|              | M    | F   | Total | Total | Total |
| Under 1      | -    | 3   | 3     | 6     | 7     |
| 1 - 4        | 1    | 1   | 2     | 2     | -     |
| 5 - 14       | -    | 1   | 1     | 1     | -     |
| 15 - 24      | 1    | -   | 1     | -     | 1     |
| 25 - 34      | -    | 1   | 1     | -     | 1     |
| 35 - 44      | 2    | -   | 2     | 3     | -     |
| 45 - 54      | 2    | 9   | 11    | 10    | 15    |
| 55 - 64      | 20   | 14  | 34    | 35    | 40    |
| 65 - 74      | 35   | 35  | 70    | 62    | 67    |
| 75 and over  | 34   | 42  | 76    | 76    | 80    |
| Total ... .. | 95   | 106 | 201   | 195   | 211   |

TABLE 4

INFANT MORTALITY - 1972

| Cause of Death                                 | Under<br>1 Day | 1 to 6<br>Days | 1 to 4<br>Weeks | 1 to 3<br>Months | 4 to 12<br>Months | Total |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Congenital Anomalies                           | 1              | -              | -               | -                | -                 | 1     |
| Birth Injury, Prematurity,<br>Difficult Labour | -              | 1              | -               | -                | -                 | 1     |
| Other Causes                                   | -              | -              | -               | -                | 1                 | 1     |
| Total ... ..                                   | 1              | 1              | -               | -                | 1                 | 3     |

TABLE 5

## PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1972

| NOTIFIABLE<br>DISEASES | Total<br>Cases<br>at all<br>Ages | 0 + | 1 + | 3 + | 5 + | 10 + | 15 + | 25 + | 45 + | 65<br>and<br>over |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|-------------------|
| Food Poisoning         | 1                                | 1   | -   | -   | -   | -    | -    | -    | -    | -                 |
| Infective Jaundice     | 2                                | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | 1    | -    | -    | 1                 |
| Measles                | 216                              | 11  | 63  | 80  | 61  | -    | 1    | -    | -    | -                 |
| Scarlet Fever          | 4                                | -   | -   | -   | 3   | 1    | -    | -    | -    | -                 |
| Tuberculosis -         |                                  |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |                   |
| Pulmonary              | -                                | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | -    | -    | -    | -                 |
| Non-Pulmonary          | 2                                | -   | -   | -   | -   | -    | 1    | 1    | -    | -                 |
| TOTALS ...             | 225                              | 12  | 63  | 80  | 64  | 1    | 3    | 1    | -    | 1                 |

TABLE 6

INFECTIOUS DISEASES - YEARLY TOTALS

| NOTIFIABLE<br>DISEASES |   | 1972 | 1971 | 1967 | 1962 |
|------------------------|---|------|------|------|------|
| Dysentery              |   | -    | 1    | 1    | 26   |
| Erysipelas             | + |      |      | -    | 1    |
| Food Poisoning         |   | 1    | -    | 1    | -    |
| Infective Jaundice     | * | 2    | 17   |      |      |
| Measles                |   | 216  | 134  | 178  | 139  |
| Meningitis, Acute      | * | -    | 2    |      |      |
| Puerperal Pyrexia      | + |      |      | -    | 1    |
| Scarlet Fever          |   | 4    | 6    | 21   | 3    |
| Tuberculosis           |   |      |      |      |      |
| Pulmonary              |   | -    | -    | 4    | 4    |
| Non-Pulmonary          |   | 2    | -    | 1    | 1    |
| Whooping Cough         |   | -    | 2    | 7    | 2    |
| TOTALS ... ..          |   | 225  | 162  | 213  | 177  |

+ Notifiable up to 30/9/68

\* Notifiable from 1/10/68

TABLE 7

CASES NOTIFIED AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING 1972

| AGE         | NEW CASES             |   |                           |   | DEATHS                |   |                           |   |
|-------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
|             | Pulmonary<br>M      F |   | Non-Pulmonary<br>M      F |   | Pulmonary<br>M      F |   | Non-Pulmonary<br>M      F |   |
| Under 1     | -                     | - | -                         | - | -                     | - | -                         | - |
| 1 - 4       | -                     | - | -                         | - | -                     | - | -                         | - |
| 5 - 9       | -                     | - | -                         | - | -                     | - | -                         | - |
| 10 - 14     | -                     | - | -                         | - | -                     | - | -                         | - |
| 15 - 19     | -                     | - | 1                         | - | -                     | - | -                         | - |
| 20 - 24     | -                     | - | -                         | - | -                     | - | -                         | - |
| 25 - 34     | -                     | - | -                         | - | -                     | - | -                         | - |
| 35 - 44     | -                     | - | -                         | 1 | -                     | - | -                         | - |
| 45 - 54     | -                     | - | -                         | - | -                     | - | -                         | - |
| 55 - 64     | -                     | - | -                         | - | -                     | - | -                         | - |
| 65 and over | -                     | - | -                         | - | -                     | - | -                         | - |
| TOTAL ...   | -                     | - | 1                         | 1 | -                     | - | -                         | - |
|             |                       |   | 2                         |   |                       |   |                           |   |

TABLE 8

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Dwellinghouses inspected for defects -

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Public Health Acts | 389 |
| Housing Acts       | 160 |

Other Housing Act Visits -

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Housing Survey | 297 |
|----------------|-----|

Other Public Health Act Visits -

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| Drain Inspections and tests             | 381 |
| Sewers                                  | 11  |
| Water Supply                            | 29  |
| Insect Infestations                     | 99  |
| Animal Nuisances                        | 5   |
| Accumulations                           | 92  |
| Offensive Odours                        | 24  |
| Piggeries                               | 6   |
| Dirty Houses                            | 6   |
| Miscellaneous                           | 198 |
| Interviews                              | 97  |
| Infectious Diseases and Food Poisonings | 44  |
| Noise Nuisances                         | 20  |
| Moveable Dwellings                      | 5   |
| Places of Entertainment                 | 2   |

Pet Shops - 7

Animal Boarding Establishments - 2

Factories Acts -

|                                    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Factories with mechanical power    | 42 |
| Factories without mechanical power | 1  |
| Other premises                     | 3  |

Offices and Shops Act -

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Inspections | 30 |
|-------------|----|

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Carried forward ... .. 1,950

TABLE 8 Cont'd.

Brought forward ... .. 1,950

Food Premises -

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| General grocers                | 53  |
| Greengrocers                   | 38  |
| Fishmongers                    | 7   |
| Butchers and cooked meats      | 44  |
| Bakehouses                     | 15  |
| Confectioners shops            | 15  |
| Fried fish shops               | 14  |
| Sweet shops                    | 10  |
| Licensed premises              | 4   |
| Restaurants, cafes, snack bars | 2   |
| Canteens and school kitchens   | 5   |
| Market food stalls             | 171 |
| Ice cream - sale               | 13  |
| Ice cream - vehicles           | 10  |
| Milk distributors              | 7   |
| Slaughterhouses                | 204 |

Sampling - 13

Food Inspections - 15

Atmospheric Pollution -

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Smoke observations      | 6   |
| Visits to boiler plant  | 7   |
| Houses - Smoke Control  | 477 |
| Smoke nuisances         | 42  |
| Grit and dust nuisances | 3   |

Rodent Control - 998

Refuse Collection and Disposal -

|         |       |
|---------|-------|
| Depot   | 114   |
| Tips    | 157   |
| General | 1,024 |

Civic Amenities Act - 6

Market 119

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5,543

|                                 |     |     |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Nuisances or defects discovered | ... | ... | 206 |
| Nuisances or defects remedied   | ... | ... | 221 |
| Preliminary notices served      | ... | ... | 68  |
| Statutory notices served        | ... | ... | 17  |

TABLE 9

STATEMENT AS TO HOUSES IN THE DISTRICT AND THEIR SANITARY CONDITION

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Houses and farms                   | 6,604 |
| Houses without through ventilation | 27    |
| Houses back-to-back                | 6     |
| Pail closets                       | 27    |
| Water closets                      | 7,142 |
| Ashbins                            | 7,369 |
| Septic tanks                       | 14    |

TABLE 10

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Aircraft Components          | 1         |
| Bacon, Boning and Rolling    | 1         |
| Bakers                       | 6         |
| Boat Builders                | 1         |
| Cotton Spinning              | 4         |
| Other Textile Manufacturers  | 2         |
| Cotton Waste Sorting         | 2         |
| Carbon Works                 | 1         |
| Dodgem Cars                  | 1         |
| Electric Lamp Works          | 2         |
| Joiners and Builders         | 3         |
| Ladies Sewing                | 1         |
| Light Engineering            | 15        |
| Machinists                   | 2         |
| Motor Repair Garages         | 6         |
| Printers                     | 2         |
| Rope and Twine Works         | 1         |
| Skip and Packing Case Makers | 2         |
| Stockinette Maker            | 1         |
| Slaughterhouses              | 1         |
| Vehicle Builders             | 1         |
| Others                       | 19        |
|                              | <hr/>     |
|                              | <u>75</u> |

TABLE 11  
FACTORIES ACT, 1961  
INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH  
PART I

| Premises                                                         | Number on register | Number of   |                 | Occupiers prosecuted |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                                                                  |                    | Inspections | Written notices |                      |
| Factories without mechanical power                               | 1                  | 1           | -               | -                    |
| Factories with mechanical power                                  | 67                 | 42          | 4               | -                    |
| Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by local authority | 7                  | 3           | 1               | -                    |
| Totals ... ..                                                    | 75                 | 46          | 5               | -                    |

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

| Particulars                    | Found | Remedied | Referred          |                   | Prosecutions |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                                |       |          | to H.M. Inspector | by H.M. Inspector |              |
| Want of cleanliness            | -     | -        | -                 | -                 | -            |
| Overcrowding                   | -     | -        | -                 | -                 | -            |
| Unreasonable temperature       | -     | -        | -                 | -                 | -            |
| Inadequate ventilation         | -     | -        | -                 | -                 | -            |
| Ineffective drainage of floors | -     | -        | -                 | -                 | -            |
| Sanitary conveniences:-        |       |          |                   |                   |              |
| Insufficient                   | 2     | 1        | -                 | -                 | -            |
| Unsuitable or defective        | 3     | -        | -                 | -                 | -            |
| Not separate for sexes         | -     | -        | -                 | -                 | -            |
| Other offences                 | -     | -        | -                 | -                 | -            |
| Totals ... ..                  | 5     | 1        | -                 | -                 | -            |

OUT WORK - PART II  
SECTIONS 133 and 134

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TABLE 12

RODENT CONTROL

|                                                                                | Type of Property |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                                                                | Non-Agricultural | Agricultural |
| 1. Number of properties in district                                            | 7,682            | 41           |
| 2. a. Total number of properties inspected following notification              | 257              | 5            |
| b. Number infested by (i) Rats                                                 | 88               | 5            |
| (ii) Mice                                                                      | 169              | -            |
| 3. a. Total number of properties inspected for reasons other than notification | 90               | 9            |
| b. Number infested by (i) Rats                                                 | 3                | 2            |
| (ii) Mice                                                                      | 9                | 1            |

TABLE 13

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS -

| Class of Premises                                          | No. of premises<br>newly reg. during<br>the year | No. of reg.<br>premises at<br>end of year | No. of reg.<br>premises receiving<br>a general inspec-<br>tion during year |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Offices                                                    | -                                                | 13                                        | 3                                                                          |
| Retail Shops                                               | 1                                                | 50                                        | 25                                                                         |
| Wholesale shops, Warehouses                                | -                                                | 1                                         | 1                                                                          |
| Catering establishments<br>open to the public,<br>canteens | -                                                | 13                                        | 1                                                                          |
| Fuel storage depots                                        | -                                                | -                                         | -                                                                          |
| Totals ... ..                                              | 1                                                | 77                                        | 30                                                                         |

TABLE 14  
HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of new dwellings erected during the year:-

- |                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| 1. By the local authority     | 9  |
| 2. By other bodies or persons | 96 |

With State assistance under the Housing Acts

- |                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 1. By the local authority     | - |
| 2. By other bodies or persons | - |

Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

- |                                                                                                                                                   |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects                                                                                   | 434 |
| Number of inspections made for the purpose                                                                                                        | 549 |
| 2. Dwellinghouses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:-                |     |
| Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made                                                                                            | 49  |
| Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made                                                                                    | 222 |
| 3. Number of dwellinghouses found during the year to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit | 68  |

Clearance areas:-

- |                                                    |   |
|----------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Number of dwellinghouses demolished during year |   |
| Unfit houses                                       | - |
| Other houses                                       | - |
| 2. Number of persons displaced                     | 5 |

TABLE 14 Cont'd.

Houses not included in Clearance Areas:-

1. Houses demolished or closed during year:-

Housing Act, 1957

Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure (Section 17)

Local authority owned houses certified unfit by Medical Officer of Health

Closed as a result of closing orders under Sections 16 (4) and 17 (1)

| Number of |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Houses    | Persons Displaced |
| 10        | 3                 |
| -         | -                 |
| 2         | 1                 |

Repairs during the year:-

Unfit houses made fit:-

After informal action by local authority

After formal notice under Public Health Acts

After formal notice under Sections 9 (1) and 16 (1)  
Housing Act, 1957 (a) by owner  
(b) by local authority

Other houses in which defects were remedied:-

After informal action by local authority

After formal notice under Public Health Acts

After formal notice under Sections 9 (1) and 16 (1)  
Housing Act, 1957 (a) by owner  
(b) by local authority

| <u>Number of Houses</u> |
|-------------------------|
| 3                       |
| 7                       |
| -                       |
| -                       |
| 49                      |
| 15                      |
| -                       |
| -                       |

TABLE 14 Cont'd.  
STANDARD AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

HOUSING ACT, 1969 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, ETC:-

| Action during year:                                                 | No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected in schemes of |        |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
|                                                                     | Owner Occupied                                                   | Others | Local Authority |
| (i) Submitted by private individuals to local authority             | 76                                                               | 7      | -               |
| (ii) Approved by local authority                                    | 28                                                               | Nil    | -               |
| (iii) Submitted by local authority to Department of the Environment | Nil                                                              | Nil    | 72              |
| (iv) Finally approved by Department of the Environment              | Nil                                                              | Nil    | 72              |
| (v) Work completed                                                  | 10                                                               | Nil    | 6               |
| (vi) Additional separate dwellings included in (v) above            | Nil                                                              | Nil    | Nil             |

HOUSING ACTS, 1961, 1964 AND 1969 - STANDARD GRANTS:-

| Action during year:                                                                      | No. of dwellings or other buildings affected |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------|
|                                                                                          | Owner occupied                               | Others |
| (i) Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to (a) full standard       | 131                                          | 21     |
| (b) reduced standard                                                                     | Nil                                          | Nil    |
| (ii) Total applications approved by local authority for improvement to (a) full standard | 106                                          | 19     |
| (b) reduced standard                                                                     | Nil                                          | Nil    |
| (iii) Work completed                                                                     | 51                                           | 5      |

TABLE 15

FOOD PREMISES

| <u>Type of Business</u>                             | <u>Number</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Bakers and confectioners                            | 11            |
| Fried fish shops                                    | 10            |
| Meat shops (Butchers, tripe, etc.)                  | 14            |
| Greengrocers                                        | 11            |
| Grocers and provision dealers                       | 39            |
| Sweets and soft drinks                              | 17            |
| Public houses, restaurants, canteens and snack bars | 37            |
|                                                     | —             |
| Total ... ..                                        | <u>139</u>    |

Number of Food Premises registered under Section 16 of  
the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

| <u>Type of Business</u>      | <u>Number<br/>Registered</u> | <u>Number of<br/>Inspections</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Meat Products                | 12                           | 44                               |
| Confectioners and Bakehouses | 8                            | 30                               |
| Ice Cream - Sale             | 38                           | 22                               |
| Ice Cream - Manufacture      | 1                            | 1                                |
|                              | —                            | —                                |
|                              | <u>59</u>                    | <u>97</u>                        |

Number of Hawker's Food Storage Premises, registered under  
Section 14 of the Lancashire County Council (General  
Powers) Act, 1951.

|               | <u>Number<br/>Registered</u> | <u>Number of<br/>Inspections</u> |
|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Greengrocers  | 5                            | 4                                |
| Meat Salesmen | 3                            | 4                                |
| Confectioners | 1                            | 2                                |
|               | —                            | —                                |
|               | <u>9</u>                     | <u>10</u>                        |

TABLE 16

NUMBER OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AND INSPECTED

|                                                                                        | Cattle<br>exclud-<br>ing<br>Cows | Cows   | Calves | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs | Pigs |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| Number killed                                                                          | 480                              | 11     | -      | 486                   | -    |
| Number inspected                                                                       | 480                              | 11     | -      | 486                   | -    |
| <u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis:</u>                                               |                                  |        |        |                       |      |
| Whole carcasses condemned                                                              | -                                | -      | -      | -                     | -    |
| Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned                                 | 55                               | 2      | -      | 25                    | -    |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with disease<br>other than tuberculosis | 11.46%                           | 18.18% | -      | 5.14%                 | -    |
| <u>Tuberculosis only:</u>                                                              |                                  |        |        |                       |      |
| Whole carcasses condemned                                                              | -                                | -      | -      | -                     | -    |
| Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned                                 | -                                | -      | -      | -                     | -    |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>tuberculosis                    | -                                | -      | -      | -                     | -    |
| <u>Cysticercosis:</u>                                                                  |                                  |        |        |                       |      |
| Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned                                 | 1                                | -      | -      | -                     | -    |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment<br>by refrigeration                                   | 1                                | -      | -      | -                     | -    |
| Generalised and totally condemned                                                      | -                                | -      | -      | -                     | -    |

Total weight of carcase meat and organs condemned ... 5 cwts. 21 lbs.

TABLE 17

OTHER FOODS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

| <u>Nature of Food</u> | <u>Weight</u>   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Tinned Ox Tongue      | 12 lbs.         |
| Tinned Soup           | 107 lbs.        |
| Tinned Fruit Juice    | 1 lb.           |
| Dried Skimmed Milk    | 84 lbs.         |
| Frozen Fish           | 65 lbs.         |
| Frozen Meat           | 36 lbs.         |
| Frozen Vegetables     | 56 lbs.         |
| Frozen Pastries       | 22 lbs.         |
| Ice Cream             | 60 lbs.         |
| Total ... ..          | <u>443</u> lbs. |

TABLE 18

Samples obtained for Analysis

|                                         |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 35 Milk                                 | 1 Corriander Powder                    |
| 2 Petroleum Jelly                       | 1 Chives, dried                        |
| 1 Ice Pops                              | 1 Liver Sausage                        |
| 2 New Zealand Lamb Chops                | 1 Soup Mixture                         |
| 1 English Lamb Breast                   | 1 Christmas Pudding                    |
| 1 Fresh Eggs                            | 1 Sage and Onion Stuffing              |
| 1 Bread                                 | 1 Chicken and Peas Pie Filling, canned |
| 1 Soft Drink                            | 1 Pea Soup with Smoked Ham, canned     |
| 1 Indian Brandee                        | 1 Carrots, canned                      |
| 1 Aspirin Tablets BP                    | 1 Mixed Grill                          |
| 1 Flavouring Essence                    | 1 Dates, unpitted                      |
| 1 Cake Decoration Edible                | 1 Fresh Double Cream, Pasteurised      |
| 1 Junior Beef Dinner, canned            | 1 Mincemeat                            |
| 1 Minced Steak & Onions & Gravy, canned | 1 Mussels in Vinegar, jar              |
| 1 Caramel Sauce, canned                 | 1 Cockles in Vinegar, jar              |
| 1 Vegetable, canned                     | 1 Tartare Sauce                        |
| 1 Dairy Cream Mix                       | 1 Fish in Tomato Sauce                 |
| 1 Vegetable Pie                         | 1 Tomatoes, canned                     |
| 1 Ice Cream Mix                         | 1 Marzipan                             |
| 1 Pork Sausage                          | 1 Ground Almonds                       |
| 1 Minced Meat                           | 1 Cheese                               |
| 1 Dripping                              | 1 Fresh Mushrooms                      |
| 1 Biscuits                              | 1 Ready Smoked Peas                    |
| 1 Melba Sauce                           |                                        |

Samples not found to be genuine

| <u>Sample</u>                  | <u>Result of Analysis</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <u>Action Taken</u>                                                                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Petroleum Jelly                | Contained Thymol 0.15%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Prosecution<br>Fined £30<br>Costs £15                                                  |
| Petroleum Jelly                | Contained Thymol 0.15% without declaration.<br>Thymol is not an ingredient of white petroleum jelly RP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Batch withdrawn.                                                                       |
| Ice Pops                       | Sample consisted of 2 cartons 1 containing seven sachets and the other containing 10 sachets. Five of the solutions in the first carton and 2 of the solutions in the second carton were affected with mould of a penicillium species, all 7 of these sachets having defective sealing. (The appearance of the carton suggested that it may have been crushed - but the 2nd carton appeared to be undamaged.)                            | Complainant informed.<br>Remaining stock inspected and manufacturer communicated with. |
| Soft Drink                     | Labelled "Strawberry Flavour" but consisted of a soft drink for consumption without dilution. The Labelling of Food Regulations 1970 requires the name of the food to be "sufficiently specific" so not withstanding the provision which allows the use of the words "Cresta Strawberry Flavour" until 1976. It would be advisable to go beyond the actual wording of the Soft Drinks Regulations and indicate the food sold is a drink. | Manufacturer communicated with                                                         |
| Flavouring Essence             | Contained the non-permitted colouring Ponceau MX. The colouring matter in Food (Amendment) Regulations 1970 prohibits the use of Ponceau MX from 1st January 1971.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Remaining stock withdrawn.<br>Vendor cautioned.                                        |
| Vegetable Pie                  | Contained half a fly (Head, thorax and wings with 4 legs) of species Musca domestica (common housefly) pressed into a piece of potato. The said fly had been cooked.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Complainant informed.<br>Vendor cautioned                                              |
| Soup Mixture                   | Label did not comply with the labelling requirements of Schedule 5 of the Labelling of Food Regulations 1970 in that the full "Appropriate Designation" i.e. Oxtail Soup Mix did not appear on the label.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Manufacturer communicated with.                                                        |
| Fresh Double Cream Pasteurised | Samples sour (acidity on the fat-free cream 0.3% lactic acid) and failed Methylene Blue test -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Vendor communicated with.                                                              |

| <u>Sample</u>                  | <u>Result of Analysis</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <u>Action Taken</u>                                                                                 |          |               |          |                                |           |              |           |                                                       |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Mixed Grill                    | <p>The dark coloured material on all the sausage products in the pack consisted of powdered metallic aluminium (probably derived from a tray).</p> <p>The amounts found were:</p> <table><tr><td>Sausage Meat</td><td>0.6 mgr.</td></tr><tr><td>Black Pudding</td><td>0.1 mgr.</td></tr><tr><td>White Pudding with Vine Fruits</td><td>0.05 mgr.</td></tr><tr><td>Plastic Pack</td><td>0.02 mgr.</td></tr></table> | Sausage Meat                                                                                        | 0.6 mgr. | Black Pudding | 0.1 mgr. | White Pudding with Vine Fruits | 0.05 mgr. | Plastic Pack | 0.02 mgr. | <p>Complainant informed.</p> <p>Vendor cautioned.</p> |
| Sausage Meat                   | 0.6 mgr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                     |          |               |          |                                |           |              |           |                                                       |
| Black Pudding                  | 0.1 mgr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                     |          |               |          |                                |           |              |           |                                                       |
| White Pudding with Vine Fruits | 0.05 mgr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                     |          |               |          |                                |           |              |           |                                                       |
| Plastic Pack                   | 0.02 mgr.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                     |          |               |          |                                |           |              |           |                                                       |
| Mussels in Vinegar (Jar)       | <p>(1) As from 1.1.73 the appropriate designation will be "Mussels in Vinegar" and the lettering of the words "In Vinegar" will need to be increased in size to a height of at least 2 m.ms. in accordance with the requirements of the 5th schedule to the Labelling of Food Regulation</p> <p>(2) Mercury content of the mussels rather high (0.9 p.p.m.).</p>                                                   | <p>Packer communicated with and advised to check incoming batches of mussels for metal content.</p> |          |               |          |                                |           |              |           |                                                       |





